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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D. T. E. 00-109 February 6, 2001

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company for approval of its Rate Reconciliation and Adjustment filing.

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On December 1, 2000, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (collectively, "MECO" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a Rate Reconciliation and Adjustment filing ("Reconciliation Filing") reflecting the resulting proposed Transition Charges pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e). For 2001, MECO proposed (1) a Transition Cost Charge of \$0.00740, (2) a Transmission Service Charge of \$0.00878, (3) a Standard Offer Adjustment Factor of \$0.00280, and (4) a Default Service Adjustment Factor of \$0.00198. MECO states that the net effect of the adjustments in this filing results in an increase of 2.4 percent or \$1.37 in the monthly bill of a residential customer using 500 kilowatthours of electricity. The Company also proposed changes in charges for energy efficiency and renewables programs pursuant to G.L. c. 25, §§ 19 and 20. MECO requested the tariffs to become effective January 1, 2001.

On December 22, 2000, the Department approved MECO's tariffs to take effect on January 1, 2001, subject to further investigation and reconciliation. Massachusetts Electric

Company, D.T.E. 00-109 (2000). In this phase of the proceeding, the Department will examine issues including, but not limited to, consistency of the updated charges and tariffs with the methods and provisions approved in Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-25 (1996), and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-94 (1998).

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing at 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2001, at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Following the public hearing, the Department will conduct a procedural conference.

Any person who desires to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary; and one copy with the Hearing Officer, John J. Geary. The

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original and copies should be delivered to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.), February 20, 2001.

All written pleadings or comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us); or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.state.ma.us/dpu/>.

A copy of the Company's filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during business hours. The Company's filing is also available on the Department's Website. In addition, copies are on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts 01582-0099. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Thomas G. Robinson, at (508) 389-2000. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.

By Order of the Department,

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

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Massachusetts Electric Company ("MECo" or "Company") shall, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to Tuesday, February 27, 2001, give notice of said hearing by publication in the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald. The Company shall also serve a copy of the notice on the Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Mayors, Town Clerks and City Clerks of the cities and towns in the Company's service area, post a copy of the notice in each city or town hall in the Company's service area until the comment period has expired, provide actual notice to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company, and provide a copy of this notice to all participants in Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U. /D.T.E. 96-25 (1996), Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. / D.T.E. 97-94 (1998), and Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 99-111.

By Order of the Department.

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MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY